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REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 16, 19, 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Araujo et al., and claims 17, 23 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Araujo et al. Claims 18, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 18, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 29 are amended in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. The amended claims 18, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 29 should be allowable. Claims 1-17, 19, 22-24, 27-28 and 30 are cancelled.

The above amendment has been made without prejudice. Claims 18, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 29 are now in full condition for allowance. The above amendment results in three independent claims in excess of three which requires an additional filing fee of \$100.00 x 3 = \$300.00 (small entity). A credit card payment form PTO-2038 is attached for covering the fee. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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